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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK Attorney's Docket Number REF/CARLIN/509 Transmittal Letter to the United States B/O Form PTO-1390 Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) U S. Application Nu Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 Priority Date Claimed International Filing Date International Application Number 26 May 1998 21 May 1999 PCT/EP99/03509 Title of Invention METHOD OF PRODUCING THY A-STRAINS OF VIBRIO CHOLERAE, SUCH STRAINS AND THEIR USE

tes Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 37. App

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1.	Ø	This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.								
2.		This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.								
3.	Ø	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).								
4.	×	A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.								
5.	a.	A copy of the International Application as filed 35 USC 371(c)(2).  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).								
6.		A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).								
7.	a. b. c.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  keep have not been made and will not be made.								
8.		A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).								
9.		An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). ( $\Box$ Executed $\Box$ Unexecuted)								
10.	С	A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).								

### Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. 

  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. □ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. ⊠ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
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  A substitute specification.

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US CARLIN et al.

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  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. □ Other items or information:

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Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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DATE: November 22, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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b.  $\square$  Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☑ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**PATENT** 

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CARLIN et al.

Attention:

PCT BOX MISSING PARTS

Serial No.: 09/700,712

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING THY A-STRAINS OF VIBRIO CHOLERAE, SUCH

STRAINS AND THEIR USE

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO THE NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants most respectfully request that the accompanying Sequence Listing be entered into the specification after the Declaration.

Serial No.: 09/700,712

#### **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification by having added the accompanying Sequence Listing. However, it is believed that the application as originally filed contained the Sequence Listing in paper form.

In addition, Applicants comply with the requirements for a patent application containing nucleotide sequence by submitting herewith a paper copy of the Sequence Listing as well as a computer readable format. The undersigned attorney respectfully submits that the information on the paper copy of the computer readable form and the disk, prepared by the undersigned based upon information provided by Applicants, is the same and includes no new matter. However, the undersigned has added the appropriate serial number to the computer readable disk format and this is evident on the printed copy of the Sequence Listing.

In addition, Applicants submit herewith the fully executed Declaration and appropriate fee for responding to the Notice of Missing Parts.

Finally, Applicants complete the Information Disclosure Statement already of record by submitting the necessary copies.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the specification and submission herewith of the necessary documents to complete the application, an early and favorable action on the merits of the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

> Respectfully submitted, **BACON & THOMAS, PLLC**

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